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Patent  
Attorney's Docket No. 009683-353

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of )  
Mitsuru Obara et al ) Group Art Unit: 2183  
Application No.: 09/427,114 ) Examiner: Stephanie M. Deckter  
Filed: October 26, 1999 ) Confirmation No.: 2737  
For: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM )  
HAVING PLURALITY OF )  
PROCESSORS AND EXECUTING )  
SERIES OF PROCESSING IN )  
PRESCRIBED ORDER )

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

☐ No additional claim fee is required.

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A M E N D E D   C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	24	MINUS 20 =	4	× \$18.00 (103) =	72.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	-0-	× \$84.00 (102) =	-0-
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					-0-
Total Amendment Fee					72.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					72.00

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 72.00 is enclosed.


☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Amend the title to read as follows:

--Data Processing System Having a Plurality of Processors and Executing a Series of Processes in a Prescribed Order--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph beginning at Page 2, line 29, as follows: